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EasthamWind- Position Paper

A Wind Energy Project for Eastham- Benefits

The Eastham Energy Commission's Position on the Issues

What Are The Benefits?

Wind energy makes sense for the residents of Eastham, Massachusetts, because it is FREE, clean, inexhaustible, local, and will offset taxes.

Wind Energy is Clean

Electric power on Cape Cod is supplied by the Cape Light Compact, which gets its electricity from Northeast region power plants. At the current rate we use electricity, by 2015 these plants will have average emissions of more than 1 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), more than 1,000 tons of nitrogen oxide (NO), and more than 3,000 tons of sulfur dioxide (SO₂). That means more air pollution and more greenhouse gases. EasthamWind is a clean solution, free of these dangerous greenhouse gases and pollution.

Wind Energy is FREE and Inexhaustible

Unlike oil, coal, and natural gas, wind energy is FREE for the taking and renewable, day after day, season after season, year after year, forever. Wind is abundant in Eastham and all over Cape Cod all year round! That's why Cape Cod Tech, Upper Cape Tech, Cape Cod Community College, Orleans, Falmouth, Audubon/ South Wellfleet, CCNS, Wellfleet, Provincetown, Brewster, Tisbury, Harwich, Yarmouth and others are returning to our heritage, WINDMILLS!

Wind Energy is Local!

Because wind occurs naturally, everyday, we will be doing our part to reduce our nation's dependency on foreign oil and other non-renewable fuels. With the uncertainties caused by uncontrollable wholesale energy price increases or international conflicts, why would we want to rely on anyone else? Wind energy makes us more self-sufficient...we will be producing electricity on Cape Cod, for Cape Cod! EasthamWind will power 1500 to 1800 Eastham homes

Wind Energy WILL Offset Taxes!

By law, this project requires private development, so, there is little or no cost to the town of Eastham for wind energy. In fact, Eastham will receive annual payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and a share of all revenues from the project. The Eastham Energy Committee expects to be able to offset the entire cost of electricity for the town government (currently about \$170,000 per year) and more, saving taxpayers millions of dollars over the life of the project. As the price of electricity increases, the town receives more revenue, and when the wind project developer sells Renewable Energy Credits (REC), the town of Eastham gets a share. That adds up. Could all of this revenue offset future overrides for the town of Eastham? Just maybe!

These are just a few of the key benefits to developing a wind energy facility in the town of Eastham. Of course, despite the benefits, change can be frightening, and concerns have arisen. But the EEC cares deeply about the town of Eastham and has been researching the benefits and concerns regarding wind energy for three years. Stay tuned for our findings on topics such as, local property values, noise, zoning setbacks, flicker, safety, and environmental impacts. We are confident wind energy is the way to go in Eastham.